

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

of

NEW QUAY

CARDIGANSHIRE

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P R E F A C E

Following the death of Dr. D. R. T. Griffiths, the Medical Officer of Health, at the end of 1950, general supervision over the health of the Urban District was exercised by the County Medical Officer until the end of September, 1951. From October 1st onwards, I assumed the post of full-time medical officer to the nine district councils in the county and assistant medical officer to the county council. The headquarters were established at the County Offices, Aberystwyth.

The vital statistics for the year display no startling features. Sixteen deaths were recorded as against only nine births - a feature which tends to emphasise the increasing preponderance of the older age groups in the community.

It is satisfactory to note that no infectious disease was notified during the year.

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July, 1952.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL AND VITAL STATISTICS.

Area in acres.. ..	281
Pop. Census (1931).. ..	1,112
Pop. Mid-year (1951)	1,063
No. of inhabited houses (1931)	378
Rateable value	£3,986
Sum represented by a penny rate	£16

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Number of registered live births (leg. (illeg.	9 -	4 -	5 -
Number of registered stillbirths	Nil.		
Number of deaths	16	7	9
Number of deaths of women ascribed to childbirth	Nil.		
Number of deaths of infants under 1 year	Nil.		
Number of deaths of infants under 1 month	Nil.		
Number of deaths from tuberculosis	Nil.		
Number of deaths from violence	Nil.		

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

- (a) No ante-natal or post-natal clinic is held in the district by the local health authority. Expectant and nursing mothers receive medical advice from their own medical practitioners.
- (b) An infant welfare clinic attended by a medical officer of the local health authority is held once a fortnight.
- (c) The domiciliary midwifery service is carried out by the district nurse who is also a State Registered Midwife.
- (d) The New Quay Urban District Council area forms part of a much larger area covered by a Health Visitor of the County Council.
- (e) Home nursing is in the hands of the district nurse.
- (f) Vaccination is carried out by the person's own medical attendant, but immunisation against diphtheria is performed partly by the former and partly by medical officers of the local health authority.
- (g) An ambulance is stationed at New Quay which is used for general and accident work. Fever cases are usually removed by an ambulance ear-marked for infectious diseases and stationed at Aberystwyth.
- (h) Arrangements for the prevention of illness consist **in** periodic talks and advice by the medical officers of both the local health and the local authority.

Care and after care are in the hands of the district nurse and of the Health Visitor. Tuberculosis cases are also followed up by the Chest Physician's Health Visitor - a situation which,

in my opinion, involves an unnecessary duplication of attention.

- (i) Domestic help is provided by suitable persons who are, as a rule, engaged locally.
- (j) The town of Aberystwyth, about 20 miles distant, is the centre upon which the principal general hospital in the county, the infectious diseases' hospital, the maternity home and the Medical Research Council's Area Public Health Laboratory are based.

Infectious Diseases

No case of infectious disease was notified during the year.

National Assistance Act, 1948

No action was taken by the Council under Section 47 of this Act.

Water Supply

The supply has been satisfactory in quality, but during the holiday season the quantity was not sufficient to meet all the demands. The Council called in its consultant engineer and it is hoped to solve the problem in the near future.

The source of supply is from an enclosed spring at Ffynonddewi, Synod Inn, and it is neither filtered nor chlorinated. Five bacteriological samples taken during the year, however, proved satisfactory. An open spring very close to the Council's main supply lies on the edge of the trunk road and it is hoped that the legal difficulties which prevent the carrying out of proper

protection to this spring will shortly be overcome, the more especially as the open spring may have an underground connection with the Urban District Council's main supply.

The majority of houses receive their water direct from the mains, but one house receives its supply from a public standpipe.

Sanitary Circumstances of the District.

The system is working satisfactorily.

Number of Closets connected to the Sewerage System ..	415
Number of Closets connected to Cesspools & Septic Tanks	16
Number of Pail and Earth Closets	19
Number of Conversions from pail closets to water closets during the year ..	2
Number of pail closets within range of sewers not connected	5
New Houses completed with water closets.. .. .	4

Refuse is collected once weekly and is dumped into the sea.

Number of Inspections of Houses	42
Number of Inspections of Dairies	16
Number of Inspections of Retailing Milk Carts.....	20
Number of Inspections of Bakehouses	15
Number of Inspections of Meat Shops	12
Number of houses visited upon notification of Inf. Dis.	2
Number of houses disinfected after infectious disease.	2

Number of Informal Notices served	6
Number of Informal Notices complied with	6
Number of Statutory Notices served	NIL

No cause for action during the year.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No action necessary.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

None.

Camping Sites.

Number of sites which were used for camping purposes during	the year	1
Number of sites in respect of which licences were issued		
by the local authority under Section 269 of the Public		
Health Act, 1936		NIL
Estimated maximum number of Campers in the area at one		
time during the summer period.. .. .		16

H O U S I N G.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

Total number of dwellings inspected for housing defects		
(under the Public Health & Housing Acts)		6

Remedy of defects without service of formal notices.

Number of houses rendered fit in consequence of informal		
action		4

Action under Statutory Powers.

No proceedings were taken.

Estimated number of dwelling houses which in normal times		
would be condemned.. .. .		4

Number of persons on the waiting list for houses in the)	Waiting
area on 31st December, 1951)	List not
Total number of persons involved in the application ..)	Kept.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

No. of Inspections of Meat Shops	12
No. of Inspections of Restaurants.....	22
No. of Inspections of Premises where ice cream is sold.	14
No. of Inspections of Bakehouses	15
No. of Inspections of Dairies	16

Articles of food which were examined and found to be unfit for human consumption:-

<u>Article of food</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Cause of Condemnation</u>
Canterbury Lamb	34 lbs	Mould
Beef (Home Killed)	34 lbs	Bone Taint
Canned Pineapple Jam	2 lbs	Blown Can
Canned Ham (Italian)	9 lbs	Decomposition
Canned Luncheon Meat	2½lbs	Decomposition

Ante- and post-mortem inspection of animals is carried out by the meat Inspectors at the Ministry of Food Distributing Centre, Lampeter, from where the meat retailers of the district receive their supply.

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